

## Guild of One Name Studies

### Guild AGM and 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference - Leicester 29-31 March 2019

Dear Guild Conference Delegate,

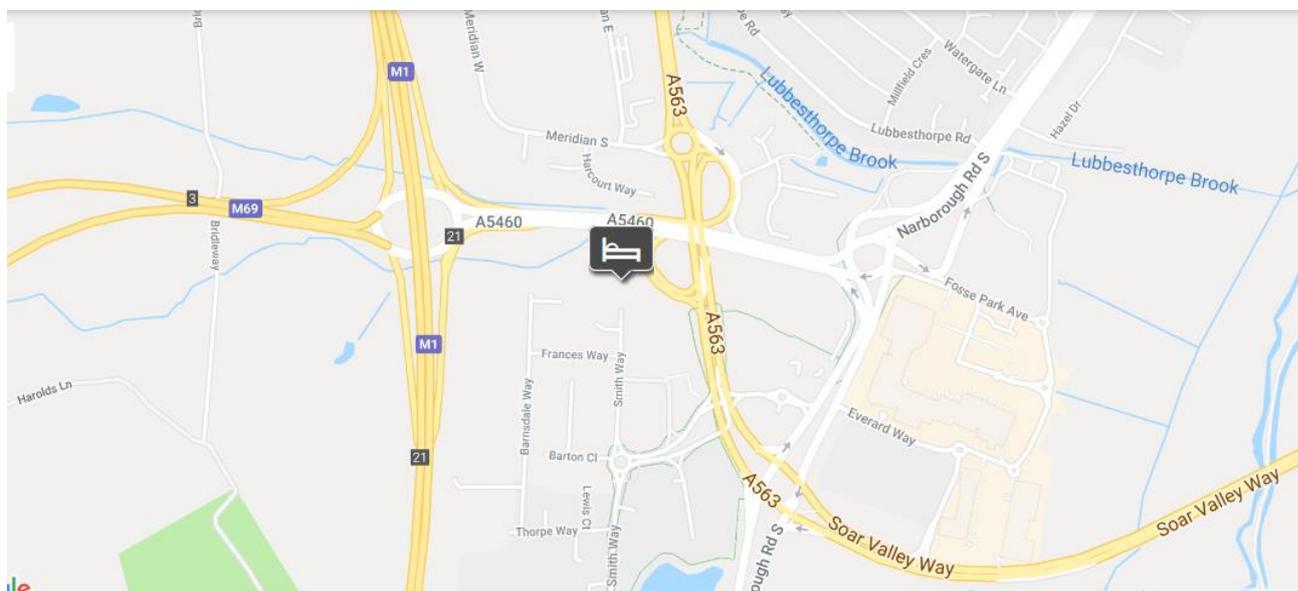
We are looking forward to welcoming you to the Guild's AGM and "Past, Present and Future" Conference on 29-31 March 2019 at the Leicester Marriott Hotel:

< <https://www.marriott.co.uk/hotels/travel/emalm-leicester-marriott-hotel> >

Below are some additional details in advance of the conference that will help you get to the venue and enjoy your stay at the hotel.

#### Map and directions

The Leicester Marriott is situated near junction 21 of the M1/junction 3 of the M69 and Fosse Park retail centre, some 5 miles to the south west of Leicester.



Details of how to get to the Leicester Marriott are set out below for easy reference.

#### By Road

The SatNav postcode is LE19 1SW.

#### From the North/South

Northbound on the M1: exit junction 21, at the roundabout take the 3<sup>rd</sup> exit for Fosse Park A5460/Leicester Ring Road (A563). Get into the left lane and take the slip road signed Ring Road Leicester N+S A563/Football Stadium/National Space Centre. At the roundabout take the first left and head east on the A563 signed Ring Road Leicester South and East. Get into right outside lane and at the 2<sup>nd</sup> slip road turn right, signed Business Park/Marriott Hotel. At the roundabout (approx 50 yards) turn right (3<sup>rd</sup> exit) and the hotel is situated at the bottom of this road.

Southbound on the M1: exit junction 21, at the roundabout take the 1<sup>st</sup> exit for Fosse Park A5460/Leicester Ring Road (A563). Get into the left lane and take the slip road signed Ring Road Leicester N+S A563/Football Stadium/National Space Centre. At the roundabout take the first left and head east on the A563 signed Ring Road Leicester South and East. Get into right outside lane and at the 2<sup>nd</sup> slip road turn right, signed Business Park/Marriott Hotel. At the roundabout (approx 50 yards) turn right (3<sup>rd</sup> exit) and the hotel is situated at the bottom of this road.

### From the North West/South West

Take the M69 at M6 junction 2 and follow to end (where it meets the M1) and go straight over at the roundabout (2<sup>nd</sup> exit) for Fosse Park A5460/Leicester Ring Road (A563). Get into the left lane and take the slip road signed Ring Road Leicester N+S A563/Football Stadium/National Space Centre. At the roundabout take the first left and head east on the A563 signed Ring Road Leicester South and East. Get into right outside lane and at the 2<sup>nd</sup> slip road turn right, signed Business Park/Marriott Hotel. At the roundabout (approx 50 yards) turn right (3<sup>rd</sup> exit) and the hotel is situated at the bottom of this road.

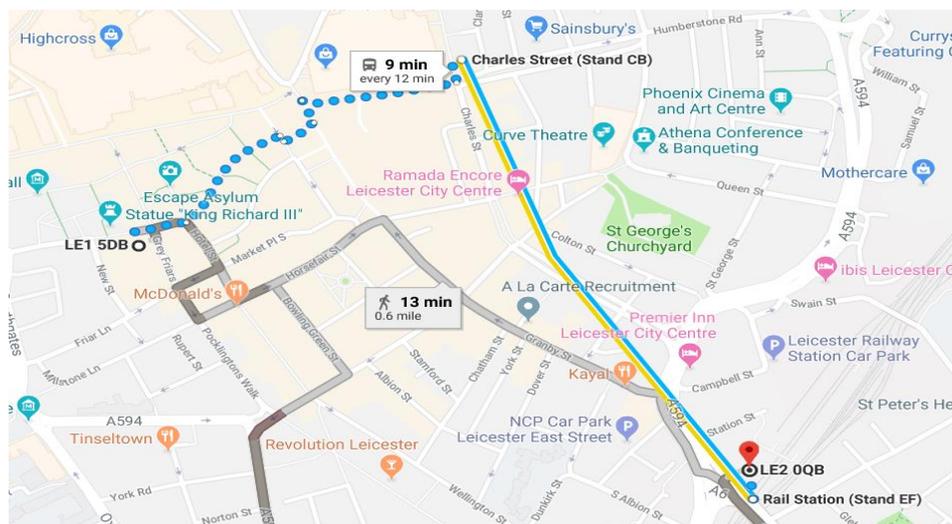
For specific directions from your own location please go to the Marriott website <<https://www.marriott.co.uk/hotels/maps/travel/emalm-leicester-marriott-hotel>>

### Car Parking

There are plenty of parking spaces at the Marriott and car parking is complimentary for conference delegates. You will need collect an exit ticket from reception before you depart the hotel.

### Nearest Train Station

The nearest station to the hotel is Leicester (5 miles) on the Midland Main Line from London St Pancras to Nottingham and Sheffield. There is a taxi rank at the station. It is a 0.6 mile (13 minute) walk from the railway station to the Richard III Visitor Centre.



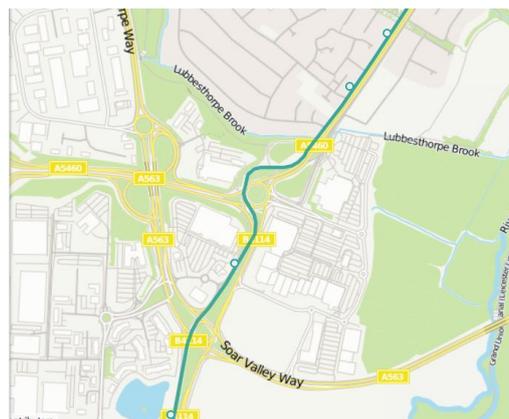
If you are travelling by train and would like to be picked up at the station on Friday or Saturday please email <[conference-booking@one-name.org](mailto:conference-booking@one-name.org)> as soon as possible with your arrival (and departure) time, the station you have travelled from (or changed trains at) and your contact mobile number so that we can co-ordinate station pick-ups. For those arriving early or late or on Thursday there is a taxi rank at the station.

## By Bus

Bus service 50 links Leicester Haymarket to Enderby; the stop at Fosse Park (opposite Sainsbury's) looks to be the nearest to the Marriott as the next one at the Police HQ, Enderby (on St John's after crossing A653 Soar Valley Way) is a little further away

Fosse Park (Sainsbury's) →  
 < <https://bustimes.org/services/50-leicester-fosse-park-narborough-huncote-croft> >  
 < <https://goo.gl/1t5Bi4> >

Police HQ (Enderby) →



## Arrivals

We will have a registration desk at the far end of the main atrium, past reception and just in front of the entrance to the Grove Suite, which will be staffed from 2.00pm on Friday afternoon until 8.00pm, from 8.30am to 8.50am before the AGM on Saturday and from 9.00am to 9.20am on Sunday morning; you will receive a welcome bag including a programme and conference brochure. After completing your conference registration please go to the hotel reception to check-in to your room. If you want to charge any additional purchases to your room you will need to provide the hotel with a debit/credit card. Please remember to settle your bill when you check out.

We extend a special welcome to our “first timers” at a Guild Conference.

Hotel rooms will be available from 2.00pm on the day of arrival and should be vacated by 11.00am on the day of departure. Facilities are available for storing luggage with the Hotel Concierge.

## Hotel Facilities

The Leicester Marriott Leisure Club has a heated indoor swimming pool, sauna and fitness room available to use during the conference.

There is high speed Wi-Fi throughout the hotel.

## Volunteers

We would welcome any offers of help during the weekend

- erecting and dismantling equipment
- staffing the registration desk on Sat and Sun
- station pick-ups on Friday afternoon or Saturday or Sunday mornings
- station returns on Saturday afternoon or Sunday afternoon
- other ad-hoc support tasks

Also, if anyone is able to play a keyboard or instrument to accompany the ecumenical service on Sunday, please contact < [conference-booking@one-name.org](mailto:conference-booking@one-name.org) >

## Programme

The full programme will be printed in the Conference Brochure you receive on arrival and is available on the Guild website < <http://one-name.org/guild-conference-agm/> >

The AGM will commence at 9.00am on Saturday morning in the **Grove Suite**, followed by the conference at 11.00am, and the conference will start at 9.30am on Sunday morning.

### Optional Friday visit to the Richard III Centre and Leicester Cathedral

For those who have booked a place on the optional Friday afternoon visit and booked to share a taxi from the Marriott we ask that you arrive at the hotel by 12.45pm as the pre-booked taxis will leave promptly at 1.00pm. Please gather at the Guild banner at the far end of the Atrium on the ground floor.

### Friday Events at the Marriott

For those arriving on Friday afternoon we have arranged two sessions which will take place in the **Kibworth Suite** on the first floor:

3.00pm to 4.15pm - **New One-Name Study? Here to help!** - Sue Swalwell

5.00pm to 5.30pm - **Gathering for Conference First Timers** - Jackie Depelle

### General Help Desk

There will be an opportunity for informal face to face discussions with fellow Guild members in the **Kirby Suite** on the first floor between 4.30pm and 5.45pm on the Friday afternoon.

### Dinner on Friday 29 March

Dinner on Friday evening will be an informal two-course hot and cold buffet in the **Market Kitchen** restaurant between 5.30pm and 7.00pm. There will be a cash bar in the hotel atrium.

### XL Quiz (40 questions, 40 pictures)

At 9.15pm Alan Moorhouse will be hosting the annual conference quiz in the **Grove Suite**. Please come along and demonstrate your expertise and knowledge over 4 rounds of questions and 2 picture rounds. Quiz teams will be for up to a maximum of six people so plan to make up a team of six or come along and join 5 others to create one. Prizes will be awarded to the best teams.

### The 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Banquet on Saturday evening

This celebration event will be held in the **Grove Suite**; delegates are invited to a drinks reception hosted by the President and Committee in the **Grove Foyer** from 7.00pm, with dinner served at 7.30pm. The bar will remain open through and after dinner until midnight.

There is a choice menu and we will shortly be emailing this out so that you can select your choices and advise any specific dietary requirements.

Please sign up to join a table of ten for the dinner: lists for table seating places will be available in the **Grove Foyer** on Friday evening and until 11.00am Saturday. Each table will be hosted by a Guild Founder Member or a member of the new Committee. There will one bottle each of red and white wine placed on each table. If you wish to pre-order additional wine or other drinks for your table please purchase these from the bar.

Dress code for the Saturday evening dinner is formal or smart casual - therefore suggest lounge suits rather than jeans and a sweatshirt!

## Raffle

We are planning for a raffle during the weekend with some exciting prizes. If you would like to very kindly donate a prize please let us know < [conference-booking@one-name.org](mailto:conference-booking@one-name.org) > and bring it with you to the conference.

## Ecumenical Service

There will be an ecumenical service on Sunday morning, led by the Rev David Gynes, from 8.45am to 9.15am in the **Grove Suite 2** at far end of the main conference room. We are looking for a volunteer with a keyboard or instrument to accompany the service.

## Bookstalls & Poster Displays

To make the Conference weekend more interactive we encourage delegates to bring along details of their studies for display and sharing. Poster boards will be available for your use. The Guild also has its own bookstall at the conference alongside other displays of interest; please email < [conference-booking@one-name.org](mailto:conference-booking@one-name.org) > if you would like a poster board and/or table. These and the following tables can be found in the **Grove 2**:

- Guild Bookstall - the latest version of Surname Atlas (version 2.20) will be available
- The Members Website project table
- BMD Vault table - scan your own certificates for the Guild's BMD Vault project
- DNA Kits table

## Scanning your own certificates for the BMD Vault

There will be an opportunity for you all to bring your own certificates to the Conference to be scanned for the BMD project so that the BMD Vault volunteers can transcribe the data for Guild members to subsequently search. You will alternatively be able to scan your certificates yourselves using the Guild scanner which will be located in the **Grove 2**. Don't forget to bring a flash drive so that you can copy your scanned documents to take away with you.

## DNA test kits

DNA test kits and Family Finder (Autosomal) kits from FamilyTreeDNA will be available to purchase from Teresa Pask at the new lower special Guild member discounted price of £88.00 for Y-DNA 37 markers and £40.00 for Family Finder kits.

## Enquiries

If you have any queries during the conference please speak directly to one of the conference organising team.

We hope everyone has a most enjoyable conference weekend. For those of you planning to take advantage of the hotel's swimming pool and spa don't forget to bring along your swimming costume!

Kind regards from your conference team,

*Sue Thornton-Grimes, Alan Moorhouse, Paul Featherstone*

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